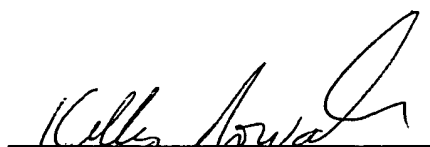


In claim 13, applicants also elect with traverse the soluble salt specie of aromatic hydrocarbons.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and the election of species, and an action on the merits of all the claims are respectfully requested.

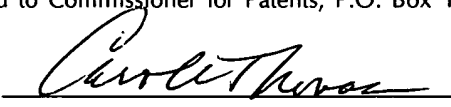
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